EDITOR'S NOTE — The following letter is submitted by Oran Curry as a substitute for a series of informative letters he has written to the Standard relating to terminating the Mixed Blood Ute Indians and establishing them as full-fledged American Citizens and no longer wards of the federal government.

August 29, 1961

Mr. Oran F. Curray
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Dear Mr. Curray:

The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights is collecting background material for a study of the constitutional rights of the American Indians.

The Subcommittee would appreciate your assistance and cooperation in analyzing the present-day status of the constitutional rights of Indians in your area. Enclosed is a questionnaire which is being sent to all Indians from the Chicago Indian Conference mailing list. The survey includes general questions regarding the constitutional rights of Indian citizens, whether they are on or off the reservation. The Subcommittee would appreciate your supplying the necessary answers to the enclosed questionnaire. Please feel free to provide additional information concerning matters which you feel are consonant with the Subcommittee's study.

You may be interested in knowing that the Subcommittee is surveying the following groups in addition to reservation, non-reservation, and off-reservation Indians: the *general counsels* for Indian tribes, Indian centers in cities where Indians have been relocated, *area directors* and *superintendents* of *Indian reservations*, private organizations active in Indian Affairs, specialists, State Attorney Generals, local law enforcement officials, and other State and Federal agencies dealing with American Indians.

It is my hope that these surveys will provide the Subcommittee with the most comprehensive views available on the rights of the Indian citizens.

Initial hearings on this subject are scheduled by the Subcommittee to begin today to hear testimony from Federal officials charged with administering and directing reservation Indian Affairs. Later,

the*Subcommittee* plans to conduct a series of field *hearings* to *hear directly* from *Indian citizens on this subejct.*

I would appreciate your cooperation and assistande in supplying the answers to the enclosed questionnaire at an early date.

With all kind wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Sam J. Ervin, Jr.

Chairman